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For: AN IMAGE COMPARISON APPARATUS
AND METHOD FOR CHECKING AN
IMAGE OF AN OBJECT AGAINST A
STORED REGISTRATION IMAGE

Examiner: C. M. Larose

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO EX-PARTE QUAYLE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the *Ex-Parte Quayle Action* dated August 10, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.